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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MARC DAWSON,

Case No.: 08-074/JF

Plaintiff,

vs.

S. LATHAM, M. EDWARDS, B. JAIN, M. MORGAN, M. MCLEAN, AND A. THACKER, sued individually and in their official capacities,

Defendants,

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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#### INTRODUCTION

This is a complaint for damages and request for jury trial for the 1. failure to provide care for a serious medical need, deliberate indifference, and due process violations by the medical staff while acting under the color of law and during the course of their official duties. Plaintiff was given a dosage of liquid medication that caused severe distress and injury. The Plaintiff's pleas for medical attention were not answered once he made staff aware that the Psych Tech (PT) gave him the wrong medication. The medical staff attemted to cover up the Psych Techs mistake with a series of delayed treatment and false statements in medical reports and appeal responses. The medication mistake cause Plaintiff immediate pain and distress while the delayed treatment caused permanent damage to the Plaintiff's left eye.

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#### II.

#### **JURISDICTION**

This is a civil action authorized by 42 U.S.C. section 1983 in order 2. to redress the failure to provide adequate medical treatment, deliberate indifference to a known medical need, and due process violations, rights secured by and under the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution. By utilizing a series of Inmate Appeals (602's), the Plaintiff has exhausted all administrative remedies as are available within the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDC&R). At the time of the incidents, the Plaintiff was in-10 | carcerated within the CDC&R at Pelican Bay State Prison. There was a grievance || procedure in this prison and the Plaintiff presented the facts alleged in this 12 | Complaint for reviews through the grievance system. All appeals were completed 13||through the Director's level as required by the Title 15. The Third Level also 14 exhausts administrative remedies. Exhibit "A", appeal log PBSP-06-01578, is an 15 appeal against Defendant S. Latham. Exhibit "B", appeal log PBSP-07-00363, was 16 against Defendants M. Edwards and B. Jain. Attached as Exhibit "C", appeal log 17 PBSP-06-02533, is the appeal against the appeal reviewers involved with appeal 18 investigations and decisions in regards to medical appeals. This appeal is for 19||Defendants M. Morgan, S. Bliesner, R. Robinson, M. McLean, and A. Thacker. All 20 | appeals are complete and exhausts remedies, giving this Honorable Court action 21 | under 26 U.S.C 1343 to have jurisdiction in this matter. Monetary damages that the Plaintiff seeks are compensative and punitive.

#### III.

#### **PARTIES**

Plaintiff in this action is MARC CHARLES DAWSON, CDC&R #P-13296, and 3. 26||is incarcerated in High Desert State Prison at P.O. Box 3030, Susanville, California 96127.

At all times mentioned herein, The Plaintiff, Marc Charles Dawson was in the custody of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, (CDC&R), and was under the care of the medical staff employed by the CDC&R at Pelican Bay state Prison, (PBSP).

The Plaintiff is serving a 28 to life sentence. Plaintiff was convicted and sentenced in Bakersfield, California, County of Kern, in 1998.

The Plaintiff, at the present time, is representing himself and proceeding pro per.

- 4. Defendant in this action is S. LATHAM, a Psych Tech employed by the CDC&R at PBSP, P.O. Box 7500, Crescent CIty, California, 95531. Defendant is sued in her individual and official capacity while employed as a Psych Tech, (PT), and should not qualify for immunity.
- 5. Defendant in this action is M. EDWARDS, a Registered Nurse (RN) employed by the CDC&R at PBSP, P.O. Box 7500, Crescent City, California, 95531. Defendant is sued in her individual and official capacity as a RN and should not qualify for immunity.
- 6. Defendant in this action is B. JAIN, a Medical Doctor (MD) employed by the CDC&R at PBSP, P.O. Box 7500, Crescent City, California, 95531. She is being sued in her individual and official capacity as a doctor and should not qualify for immunity.
- 7. Defendant in this action is M. MORGAN, Senior Psych Tech (SPT), employed by the CDC&R at PBSP, P.O. Box 7500, Crescent City, California, 95531. He is sued in his individual and official capacity and should not qualify for immunity.
- 8. Defendant in this action is M. MCLEAN, Health Care Manager (HCM) at PBSP and employed by the CDC&R at P.O. BOx 7500, Crescent City, Ca 95531, and sued in individual & official capacity and does not qualify for immunity.

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Defendant in this action is A. THACKER, a Correctional Health Care 9. Administrator II (CHSA II) employed by CDC&R at PBSP, P.O. Box 7500, Crescent City, Ca 95531, and sued in his individual and official capacity, and should not qualify for immunity.

#### IV.

#### **FACTS**

- 10. On June 8th., 2006, Defendant S. LATHAM, hereafter referred to as LATHAM, was working a double shift in unit A-1 at PBSP.
- 11. LATHAM was in charge of distributing medication to the psychiatric inmates housed in the CCCMS Ad-Seg building.
  - LATHAM was the only PT on duty in A-1 at the PM medication pass.
- 13. LATHAM approached Plaintiff's cell-front pushing a cart with the PM medications (meds). The liquid meds were already poured out in clear plastic containers prior to reaching the Plaintiff's cell. Plaintiff inquired about this and LATHAM replied that she was "trying to save time".
- 14. LATHAM handed the Plaintiff a clear plastic container containing a colorless liquid that appeared to be the medication that Plaintiff normally received (i.e. 20cc's of Neurotin). Plaintiff accepted the meds, immediately drank it down. Liquid meds have a horrible taste and are generally swallowed rapidly so the taste doesn't linger.
- 15. Plaintiff tasted a strong after-taste that wasn't consistent with his normal meds and tried to spit out the medication but he had swallowed it rapidly and it was too late to expel. The Plaintiff immediately told LATHAM that what he had just ingested was not his normal meds. LATHAM insisted that it was. The Plaintiff informed LATHAM that he had been taking Neurotin for a long time and was familiar with the taste, and what she had just given to him was not his normal meds.

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- 16. LATHAM stated that she would check and left the tier. LATHAM came back to the Plaintiff's cell ten to fifteen minutes later with another cup of liquid medication. Plaintiff asked LATHAM what was going on and LATHAM stated that the consistency of liquid in the first bottle was different from that of the second bottle and that she wanted the Plaintiff to take the second cup of medication.
- 17. Plaintiff asked what was in the first cup and LATHAM said she did not know and instructed the Plaintiff to take the second cup again. Plaintiff asked her if it was okay to take this cup of medication on top of the initial cup and LATHAM said that it was. Plaintiff followed her instructions and took the second cup.
- 18. Within approximately thirty minutes, Plaintiff began experiencing disorientation and sleepiness. Plaintiff does not remember falling asleep but his cell mate at the time informed him that he fell into a fitful sleep which was filled with tossing and turning along with incoherent verbal outbursts.
- 19. Plaintiff does not recall the waking hours of June 9th. Plaintiff was informed by his cell mate that the Plaintiff did not eat any breakfast at all and barely made it to the door to take the morning meds. Plaintiff became aware of his surroundings around nine o-clock (AM) when an officer came to escort the him to group therapy. Plaintiff still felt disorientated, had blurry vision, especially in the left eye, had tense muscles, felt flushed, and felt as if someone was pushing down on his head. Plaintiff also felt as if he were on some type of amphetamine.
- 20. Plaintiff was escorted to a "sit-down" holding cage to attend his group therapy and was only there for a few moments before he began feeling intense muscle spasms. Plaintiff notified MTA Girospe. MTA Girospe immediately had the Plaintiff escorted to the nurses office.

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- 21. Upon entering the nurses office, MTA Girospe informed LATHAM about the Plaintiff's conditions. She instructed the escorting officer to place the Plaintiff into a "standing" holding cage. This was done without vital signs being taken. LATHAM asked the Plaintiff what was wrong and the Plaintiff explained what he was feeling. At that time, LATHAM stated to the Plaintiff that "it was all in his head". Plaintiff requested to have his vital signs taken to see what was going on with his body and LATHAM refused to do so.
- When the doctor came in, he asked the Plaintiff to explain what was wrong. The Plaintiff told him about the medication mix up and what he went through on the previous night along with what he was feeling at that time. Doctor Hutchinson asked LATHAM what was in the first bottle of liquid medication and she replied that she didn't know. He then asked LATHAM where the bottle was and she stated that she had poured the contents out and threw the bottle away on the previous night. Doctor Hutchinson prescribed Benedryl and told the Plaintiff to try to get some sleep. He informed the Plaintiff that the Benedryl would help to ease the feelings that the Plaintiff was experiencing and might help the Plaintiff to get some sleep. It should be noted that the Plaintiff's cell mate had to go see the PT later and informed LATHAM that he and the Plaintiff had lived with each other for quite some time and that something was wrong with the Plaintiff to which she informed him that it was all in the Plaintiff's head as well.
- 23. The rest of June 9th is foggy. Plaintiff's cell mate informed him that the Plaintiff was curled up in bed talking incoherently for the most part of it.
- 24. The Plaintiff recalls waking up on the morning of June 10th. feeling as if there was a constant pressure pushing down on his head and still had muscle spasms. Plaintiff had blurred vision and a severe headache.

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- 25. On the evening of June 10th., at the PM med pass, the Plaintiff made contact with RN Kirkpatrick. Plaintiff asked him if he knew what kind of meds were mistakingly given to him, and Kirkpatrick had no knowledge of this incident taking place. At that time, Kirkpatrick asked what was wrong regarding the Plaintiff's speech as it was slurred. Plaintiff explained everything that had happened and how he was still feeling. Kirkpatrick asked Plaintiff, after hearing what had happened, when the last time his vitals were recorded. Plaintiff informed him that they had not been taken at all. Kirkpatrick immediately had the plaintiff escorted to the nurses office.
- 26. Once Plaintiff arrived in the nurses office, Kirkpatrick began to check the Plaintiff's vitals. He asked when the wrong medication was given and the Plaintiff informed him that it was two days prior. Kirkpatrick stated that he could find nothing logged that would inform medical staff to be aware of the situation as should have been done per medical policy.
- 27. RN Kirkpatrick became concerned after taking Plaintiff's vital signs. He also noted tense muscles and spasms. Plaintiff's pupils were different sizes and reacted separately to light. He also showed the escort officers how different each eye was responding to light and asked the Plaintiff if he would allow blood to be drawn to identify what was in his system. Plaintiff's response was "definitely". At that time, RN Kirkpatrick ordered the Plaintiff to be taken to the Critical Treatment Center (CTC).
  - 28. Plaintiff was seen by Defendant M. EDWARDS, hereafter referred to as EDWARDS. EDWARDS noted the same symptoms as did Kirkpatrick. Please see Exhibit "D" for the diagnostics. EDWARDS stated that she did not know why the Plaintiff was escorted to the CTC and the Plaintiff explained to her what had taken place. EDWARDS stated, in front of the escort officers, that there was nothing documented about any medication mix up. She became argumentive after

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the Plaintiff informed her that it was LATHAM'S error and she stated that the PT would have documented any such incident. EDWARDS went on to state that the medication in question should have been identified and no other medication be given, if that was the case, because they may not have been chemically compatible and complications could arise. After a phone call, EDWARDS informed the Plaintiff that the only thing good for him was to sleep and issued some more Benedryl. Plaintiff asked EDWARDS to draw blood, as RN Kirkpatrick wanted and had sent the Plaintiff to CTC to have done in the first place. EDWARDS stated that she didn't feel that drawing blood was necessary and sent the Plaintiff back to his cell, advising him that she would put him on a sick-call list for the following day. It should be noted that a doctor did, in fact, order blood to be drawn the following week to identify what was in the Plaintiffs system.

29. On June 11th., the Plaintiff refused all meds in order for his sy-

- 29. On June 11th., the Plaintiff refused all meds in order for his system to clean itself out of the drugs. On June 12th., Plaintiff was feeling a lot more orientated but extremely fatigued in his neck and shoulders, and his vision was still blurry, especially in the left eye. If Plaintiff tried using it to focus on something for very long, he would get a severe headache. These eye problems still occur at the present and the left eye has not returned to normal. On this day, the Plaintiff asked several officers if he was on a list to see the doctor and was told that the doctor only comes on Tuesday's and on Thursdays, regardless of the inmates needs to be seen.
- 30. On june 13th., Plaintiff asked MTA Girospe if he was on the list and was told "yes". Later that same day, The came to the Plaintiff's cell and told the Plaintiff that he didn't know what was going on, but the Plaintiff's name had been scratched from the list. He advised the Plaintiff to give him a 602 requesting medical treatment to which the Plaintiff did. See Exhibit "E".

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31. On June 14th., Plaintiff gave the 602 requesting treatment to MTA

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Girospe and received a response back stating that he was on the list to see the doctor. See Exhibit "E".

- 32. On June 15th., one week after the medication error, the Plaintiff was finally seen by Defendant B. JAIN, hereafter referred to as JAIN. JAIN ordered a blood draw and an urinalysis done and the Plaintiff was under the perception that she had made accurate entries into his medical file which turned out to be not true.
- 33. On June 21st., Plaintiff received copies of medical reports entered into his medical file. He found that JAIN had made several false statements into his file that appeared to minimize the entire medication mishap and would have gone unnoticed had the Plaintiff not been responsible enough to check out his medical records. On this date, the Plaintiff filed a 602 in regards to the discrepancies. See Exhibit "F".
- Under the heading of "Plan", JAIN writes "in the clinic he was noted to have RT eye twitching (intentional)...". This is a false statement. No where in the CTC report (Exhibit "D") does it mention anything of the sort. Plaintiff never was noted as doing anything intentional as JAIN stated. The right eye was not in question. JAIN, by her own words, would have anyone reading the medical reports believe that the Plaintiff was doing things deliberately. Under "subjective", JAIN writes that "inmate states that his symptoms are improving and ext twitching is gone now he has twitching in Lt eye only also c/o of blurring in the same eye. denies headache, but feels tight lump in back of head..." Also a misrepresentation of what was said. Plaintiff told JAIN in the presence of two escorting officers and MTA Girospe that he had experienced white starbursts in the left eye, when it was shut, on June 9th. and 10th. and now was not able to focus it properly and had headaches that felt like they were behind left eye.

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experiencing headaches that felt as if they were right behind the eye. This was explained to JAIN twice during the visit as she seemed to be having problems understanding the situation. Plaintiff never brought up or complained any eye twitching. Plaintiff also informed JAIN that the muscle that ran down from the base of the skull to the spin kept tightening up. Plaintiff told the defendant that he felt like a "razorback pig" because of the rigid muscle and one of the escorting officers commented that he could see the ridge of muscle when the Plaintiff put his head down. JAIN translated this statement into the Plaintiff feels a light lump on the back of his head. JAIN further comments in her entry that she didn't feel any neck rigidity, which was not accurate because she only felt the sides of the Plaintiff's neck and not the back.

Plaintiff notified JAIN that he could not properly focus his left eye and was

- 35. On June 22nd., the Plaintiff was called into the nurses office in A-1 for an interview with JAIN. JAIN was agitated and asked why the Plaintiff was using a 602 in regards to her entries into his file. Plaintiff explained to her that she had made several mistakes to which she became argumentive and verbally hostile. At that point, the Plaintiff turned and asked MTA Girospe and the escort officer who had been present during the last visit to verify the Plaintiff's complaints to which they both did. JAIN became angry and told the escort officers that the interview was over. Plaintiff received the 602 back, unanswered, but accompanied with a Physician's Progress note in an attempt to correct the errors on JAIN'S behalf. This document is entered as Exhibit "H". JAIN'S efforts to correct her mistakes fall short.
- 36. On July 22nd, during a chronic care visit, Plaintiff inquired about the blood test and urinalysis that JAIN had ordered done. JAIN informed the Plaintiff, after checking his computer medical file, that the blood test was negative and that the Plaintiff had blood in his urine. Blood was noted,

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but no actions were taken when the tests came in. This didn't seem right to the Plaintiff, so he obtained copies of the test results to examine for himself.

- 37. Plaintiff received the medical reports and in the process of checking the urinalysis test results, Plaintiff found that the medical records department had also sent him the blood test results. JAIN had told the Plaintiff, during the previous visit, that the blood tests were negative. A copy of the blood test is attached as Exhibit "I". JAIN was not truthful. The test results show that Haldal and Artane were present in the Plaintiff's system a week after the medication incident happened. Plaintiff did not take either drug knowingly.
- 38. At this point in time, the Plaintiff began to question the actions of LATHAM, EDWARDS, and JAIN. Plaintiff obtained a copy of a page out of PBSP's Medication Management Manual, attached as Exhibit "J". Section "I" lays out the policy for medication errors and the actions to be taken when it happens. These procedures were not followed by LATHAM at all. The plaintiff was never monitored and his vital signs were not taken until two days after the error. No documentation was recorded on the MAR, attached as Exhibit "K". A Physician was not notified. LATHAM did not file Medication Error Report. Attached a Exhibit "L", Plaintiff received a response from medical records indicating that the report was not filed and did not exist.
- 39. It was apparent to the Plaintiff that the Defendant's were attempting to make the whole incident go away as if it never happened. The lack of the procedures being followed, the delays in treatment, the constant documentation mistakes and omissions, and the false statements about the blood test shows the obvious intent.
- 40. The Plaintiff began using the inmate appeals (602) process in order to address the situation. The 602 filed against LATHAM was filed on 6-27-06 and was deemed to be a complaint against staff. This 602 is Exhibit "A". The appeal

- 41. On August 10th., 2007, MORGAN made contact with the Plaintiff and conducted an interview. Upon seeing who the reviewer would be, Plaintiff informed MORGAN that he was uncomfortable with him doing the staff review. The Plaintiff had seen MORGAN spending time with LATHAM many times during escorts and group movements. The Plaintiff observed these two laughing, talking, and eating lunch together on several occasions. Plaintiff told MORGAN due to the fact that he had observed the close working relationship that MORGAN shared with LATHAM, the Plaintiff did not feel that he would get an fair or impartial review because of this.
- 42. MORGAN informed the Plaintiff that "this mistake should have not been pursued in the first place" and that "it should be dropped". The Plaintiff stated that he really didn't feel like he'd get a fair review after the comments MORGAN had just made. MORGAN informed the Plaintiff that if he did not want to do the staff complaint review, MORGAN would be happy to have the appeal dropped.
- 43. Having no further choice in the matter, the Plaintiff was forced to have the interview with MORGAN. The Plaintiff discussed six different issues of misconduct on the part of LATHAM. MORGAN, for the most part, defended LATHAM'S actions and tried to argue the points with the Plaintiff, which was not in the duties of the reviewer or the scope of the appeal. MORGAN was to clarify any points needing clarification and record any additional statements that the Plaintiff needed to add to the appeal.
- 44. On October 6th., 2006, the appeal was returned to the Plaintiff. This was well outside the time frames set forth in the Title 15, in which it states in section 3084.6, section (a)(3): "Second level responses shall be completed within 20 working days, or 30 working days if first level is waiv-

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-ed pursuant to section 3084.5 (a)(3)." Mandatory language in bold). The 602 was advanced to the second level due to being a "staff complaint". After the Plaintiff filed several "Inmate Request for Interview" forms with the appeal coordinator, the medical department finally completed the review.

- The Plaintiff read through the entire review and discovered that 45. there were numerous problems with the findings. These findings were reviewed by A. THACKER and M. MCLEAN, hereafter referred to as THACKER and MCLEAN respectively. Both of these Defendants are not only aware of medical policies, but are an active part in making them and enforcing them at PBSB. Their job titles of "Correctional Health Care Administrator" and "Health Care Manager" reflects their job duties and obligations. They should know policies.
- The Plaintiff found that MORGAN had, in fact, also conducted the 46. interview with LATHAM, and, like the Plaintiff was worried would happen, had hindered the Plaintiff's ability to have a fair and impartial hearing by intentionally delivering false statements and omitting pertinent information crucial to the investigation.
- MCLEAN was assigned to also investigate the complaint but instead 47. of conducting her own interviews, she worked in unison with MORGAN using his intentionally inaccurate information. MCLEAN, due to her official job title, should have been aware of the inaccuracies but ignored them in an attempt to clear LATHAM'S name.
- MCLEAN failed to investigate the facts presented by the Plaintiff. 48. Being responsible for the policies that staff under her authority are to use during the course of their duties, MCLEAN turned away from these procedures, and would not address them. The Plaintiff showed a lack of owed duty on the part of LATHAM and used the PBSP's medical operation manual to show LATHAM'S failure to follow procedure and MCLEAN failed to address on her own accord.

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- MCLEAN entered intentionally misleading and false information in her review. MCLEAN stated that LATHAM notify a doctor and record the incident on 6-09-06. This is misleading and false. The incident occurred on the 8th. of June and, according to policy, monitoring and observation should've began on that date. It did not. In regards to LATHAM recording the incident on the 9th. is also false. Please see Exhibit "L". The medical records department clearly states that there was nothing entered on that date at all. Doctor Hutchinson made an entry, not LATHAM. MCLEAN'S statement is false.
- MCLEAN states that the Plaintiff was housed on the lower tier in 50. A-1, a statement that would set up the Plaintiff as having access to other medications. This is false. Not only did the Plaintiff never live in a cell on the bottom tier the entire time he was in A-1, he lived three cells from the end of the medication run on the top tier. MCLEAN'S statement is false.
- MCLEAN states that due to the way that the medication trays are 51. set up, the liquid medications would not be on the cart yet. The defendant was wrong again. She failed to mention that the liquid meds were already on the carts, in the tray, prepoured by LATHAM into plastic cups. An important omission made by MCLEAN.
- MCLEAN states that bottles of liquid medications are hard to mix 52. up. This is inaccurate. Other medical staff informed the Plaintiff that the bottles are similar in nature and mistakes happen on occasion especially if the bottles are all out for use.
- 53. MCLEAN, in referencing the Haldol found in Plaintiff's system at the time of the blood draw, and omitting the Artane is meant to be misleading. She omits the fact that there was only a trace amount (0.5) of Haldol foundand could have been an error. Other medical staff informed the Plaintiff that trace amounts such as 0.5 are often the results of false positive

 test results from other meds or the combination of such. The drug that was in question was Artane, which showed a level of 2.0 seven days after ingestion.

MCLEAN also fails to mention that no one in A-1 was receiving Haldol. Artane, a clear liquid med, was on the cart.

- 54. MCLEAN states that the Plaintiff was properly monitored throughout the time of the incident. This is a complete falsehood. The Plaintiff's vital signs were taken twice June 10th. by RN Kirkpatrick and EDWARDS. These vitals were taken twenty minutes apart. The next time that the Plaintiff was seen or monitored was a week later at the initial doctor's visit with JAIN. Plaintiff was never on any regular monitoring system. MCLEAN'S statements are false.
- 55. MCLEAN states in her report that inmates have traded and bartered with drugs in the past. MCLEAN had no factual justification to insinuate that the Plaintiff may have done such an act. She also fails to mention two very important facts. The first being that A-1 was a "lock-up" unit and inmates do not have the opportunity to move around without supervision. Second, she does not mention that there were not any inmates, housed in "A" section, currently taking liquid Artane at the time of the incident. The Plaintiff had no access to the liquid Artane unless a medical staff member gave it to him.
- 56. Plaintiff has never been accused of or involved with any type of medication misuse and was one-hundred percent in compliance with the medication program and MCLEAN intentionally tried to defame Plaintiff by her insinuations, which were not in her job duties as reviewer to do.
- 57. THACKER, administrates policies in regards to the prison's medical operations. in conducting the second level review, THACKER failed to evaluate MORGAN and MCLEAN'S reviews. He failed to do any type of internal review hisself. He failed to investigate the obvious failure to follow established procedures. He failed to address obvious inconsistencies in the reports. Instead

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the Administrator of Prison Health Care simply ignored the incident, signing off on the appeal.

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#### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

## SERIOUS DEPRIVATION OF A BASIC HUMAN NEED: FAILURE TO PROVIDE TREATMENT FOR A SERIOUS MEDICAL NEED

- 58. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 57.
- 59. The unjustifiable deprivation of medical treatment for a known serious medical need, one that was brought about by the carelessness of defendant LATHAM who knowingly gave the Plaintiff the wrong medication along with defendant EDAWRDS and JAIN'S failure to act upon a medical need once communicated violated the Plaintiff's rights under 42 U.S.C. section 1983. A prisoner is protected from deprivations of basic human needs under the Eighth Amendment which forbids "cruel and unusual punishment" and governs the living conditions of convicted prisoners.

#### VI.

### SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE TO A KNOWN MEDICAL NEED

- 60. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 59.
- 61. The deliberate indifference to serious medical needs of Plaintiff constitutes the unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain and suffering which is proscribed by the Eighth Amendment. Defendants LATHAM, EDWARDS, JAIN, MORGAN, MCLEAN, and THACKER knew about or were made aware of a serious medical situation and instead of acting upon it to rectify the problem, the defendants ignored the situations and set about a series of delays in an attempt to make

the matter disappear. Defendant's delays and denial of medical attention to a known need, their lack of actions, and their culpable state of minds violates the Plaintiff's rights under 42 J.S.C. section 1983. A convicted prisoner is protected from the unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain.

#### VI I.

#### THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### FAILURE TO PROVIDE MEANINGFUL DUE PROCESS

- 62. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 61.
- Plaintiff a meaningful appeal review violated Plaintiff's right to due process. Statutes within the Title 15 creates an entitlement to address grievances. Explicit mandatory language is used, creating substantive predicates requiring the decision-maker to exercise subjective judgment. Not providing the Plaintiff with a fair and meaningful appeal review violates due process especially when the lack of a meaningful review is intentionally manipulated to cloud the issues to a point of obscurity. The defendant's actions are culpable and violate the Plaintiff's rights secured by the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

#### VIII.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

- 1. Plaintiff respectfully prays that this Honorable Court enters judgment granting the following monetary relief in favor of the Plaintiff:

  a. Award compensatory damages in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars, (\$20,000.00);
- b. Award punitive damages from defendant LATHAM in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00);

1	c. Award punitive damages from defendants EDWARDS and JAIN in the amount						
2	of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00);						
3	d. Award punitive damages from defendant's MORGAN, MCLEAN, and THACKER i						
4	the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00);						
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EXHIBIT "A"

#### INMATE/PAROLEE APPEAL FORM CDC 602 (12/87)

STAFF COMPL PBSP

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You may appeal any policy, action or decision which has a significant adverse affect upon you. With the exception of Serious CDC 115s, classification committee actions, and classification and staff representative decisions, you must first informally seek relief through discussion with the appropriate staff member, who will sign your form and state what action was taken. If you are not then satisfied, you may send your appeal with all the supporting documents and not more than one additional page of comments to the Appeals Coordinator within 15 days of the action taken. No reprisals will be taken

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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# RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT / INFORMATION ADVISORY STAFF COMPLAINT /-PEACE OFFICER

Please read, and sign this form in front of a staff witness.

Any inmate wishing to file a staff complaint must read and sign the following statement. As this is sworn testimony, this form must be signed in front of the staff member conducting the investigation into the complaint. Failure to sign this form in front of a staff member will be considered refusal to cooperate with the appeal process and the appeal will be cancelled.

You have the right to make a complaint against a Peace Officer for any improper conduct. California law requires and this agency has a procedure to investigate inmate's complaints. You have the right to a written description of this procedure. This agency may find after investigation that there is not enough evidence to warrant action on your complaint; even if that is the case, you have the right to make a complaint and have it investigated if you believe an Peace Officer behaved improperly. This complaint and any report of findings relating to complaints must be retained by this agency for at least 5 years.

It is against the law to make a complaint that you know to be false. If you make a complaint against an officer knowing that it is false, you can be prosecuted. In addition, an inmate who makes a complaint against a departmental peace officer, knowing it is false may be issued a serious disciplinary rule violation in addition to criminal prosecution.

I certify or declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California that the

information contained within the attached appeal form CDC 602, dated <u>C-27-OC</u> is transferred, under penalty of perjury, and I swear under oath under penalty of perjury that transferred information is true and correct, executed this <u>S</u> day of <u>Aug OC</u> , Pelican Bay State Prison in Crescent City, California.							
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PERMANENT ATTACHMENT TO CDC FORM 602/DO NOT REMOVE

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#### SECOND LEVEL APPEAL RESPONSE

ATTACHMENT B

PELICAN BAY STATE PRISON RE:

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Inmate: Dawson, #P-13296

This matter was reviewed by MAUREEN MCLEAN, FNP, Health Care Manager at Pelican Bay State Prison (PBSP). A. Thacker, CHSA II, conducted the Appeal at the Second Level of Review on August 21, 2006.

APPEAL ISSUE: You state that this is the second filing of this 602 alleging staff negligence on the part of the Psych Tech/RN S. Latham. You claim that the first 602 was rejected because of length. You allege that S. Latham was negligent in her required duties that may have caused permanent damage and your complaint is as follows: On June 8, 2006, S. Latham was working a double shift and was passing out the PM meds in A-1, when she gave you a cup of liquid medication measuring 20 cc's. You state that you drank it down and immediately informed her that the liquid medication she just gave you was "not" your normal medication. You state that you have been taking liquid Neurontin for a very long time and know its' taste, but LPT Latham insisted that it was Neurontin and you insisted that it was not, so LPT Latham left and came back in approximately 15 minutes with another cup holding 20 cc's of liquid medication. You state that she told you that she checked the bottle and that the consistency was different from the bottle she used first compared to that of the second bottle. You state that you asked what the first bottle was and she said she didn't know and she instructed you to take the second cup of medication, which you complied and you don't recall what happened later that evening, but you claim that your cellmate (M. Stone, #T-47168) told you that you fell asleep within 30 minutes after taking the meds and this is not normal for you to fall asleep so early. You state that your cellmate also stated that you were mumbling incoherently and you state that you are not able to recall early Friday morning, but at 9:00 a.m., you were taken to group therapy and placed in a "sit down" holding cell and was feeling "foggy" in thought, blurred vision (especially in the left eye), tense muscles, a warm flushed feeling under your eyes, and had the sensation of your head being pushed down. You state that within a short period of time in the holding cell, you began to have severe muscle spasms and not feeling well, so you notified the RN, "Vic", who, in turn, notified S. Latham and you were escorted to the medical office in the A-1 rotunda and S. Latham had C/O Dixon place you in the stand-up holding cell. At this time, you state that S. Latham asked you what your problem was and you told her that you were not feeling right since the medication mix-up on the night before and you also explained how you were feeling and after hearing your explanation, S. Latham told you that "it was all in your head", so you asked her to take your vitals to prove that you were having problems and she said it wasn't necessary. You state that Dr. Hutchinson came in and you explained everything to him and Dr. Hutchinson asked S. Latham what was in the first bottle and she said that she didn't know, so he asked where the bottle was and she told him that she had poured it out the night before and had discarded the bottle. You claim that Dr. Hutchinson then prescribed Benadryl and told you to try to sleep it off and it should be noted that your cellmate also saw S. Latham and told her that you were all messed up and that he knew this because they have lived together almost a year, but she told him that it was "all in his head" as well, something of which she had no reason to tell another inmate that was reporting a medical incident. You claim you slept a lot from Friday through Saturday and your cellmate told you that you were in the fetal position and making sounds while asleep. You state that by Saturday AM medication pass, you couldn't stand it anymore and tried to ask Psych Tech Ian Kirkpatrick what was wrong with you, and Psych Tech Kirkpatrick was concerned with your speech and immediately pulled you out and took your vitals. You informed Psych Tech Kirkpatrick about the problem on Thursday night and Psych Tech Kirkpatrick was the first person to check your vitals and he noted muscle tenseness and spasms and found your pupils were different sizes and each reacted differently to light. You claim that Psych Tech Kirkpatrick even showed the 2 escorting officers (Hutchinson and Rutlege) and he asked if you would let them draw blood at the CTC to find out what was in you and you told him "definitely", so he sent you to the CTC and RN Edwards noted the problem with your eyes and muscles spasms and she stated in front of the 2 escorting officers that there was nothing documented concerning the possibility of a medication mix-up, so you had to literally interrupt her while she was on the phone to get it across to her that you were given the wrong medication, to which she stated in front of the escorting officers and the CTC Rover that the unknown liquid should have been identified and no other medication would have been given because they may not have been chemically compatible, so she told you to take some more Benadryl and drink a lot of water and get more sleep, so you asked about the blood test and she stated it was too late for one and she told you that you were on the doctor's line for Monday. You state that since that time, all of the symptoms have stopped with the exception of the blurred vision in your left eye and you have seen the Optometrist who has ordered glasses to be made to try and get rid of the blurriness. You claim that you had absolutely no blurring in this eye before this incident happened and since the incident, you have spoken to the medical staff and have found out that S. Latham did not follow medical procedures that someone with her training should have and you feel that she acted negligently and unprofessionally for the following reasons: 1) she issued you 20 cc's or

almost ¾ of a fluid ounce of unidentified medication that she admitted to not knowing what it was and instructed you to take an additional 20 cc's of liquid Neurontin without regard to chemical compatibility; 2) she did not document this in a manner that would notify the next shift or anyone thereafter that there may be a problem; 3) she did not begin "observation" that is normally done on inmates who have taken unknown substances; 4) she never took your vitals or checked you out even when requesting it on the Friday visit; 5) she verbally informed you and another inmate that the problems you were having were "all in his head"; and 6) she poured out the liquid and disposed of the bottle (allegedly) without having the unknown liquid identified. You personally believe that based on your symptoms and her actions, S. Latham gave you the wrong medication in a large amount and then she found out and tried to cover it up by not taking your vitals and not placing you on any type of observation, and the fact that she told the doctor that she had poured out the liquid and disposed of the bottle without identifying the liquid show a problem in itself, so you are alleging misconduct on the staff member and negligence that may have permanently damaged your left eye, because you have to completely cover your left eye to write this small writing and she has caused that. You are requesting administrative actions be taken against this RN and you are requesting a formal investigation that will examine her actions. You want them to exhaust your state remedies so that you may seek damages on a medical negligence tort claim. You note that no Right and Responsibility statement was available to you, but you understand the statement as described in 3391 (d) and agree to it in all ways. You further notes that the original appeal was filed on 6/13/06, well within the time limits set forth in Title 15 and on 6/16/06, the Appeals Coordinator rejected the original appeal because he did not have the authority to allow you more than one additional paper, so you have cut down on the verbage and written very small in order to bring this down to one additional page. You state that on 6/27/06, one day after receiving the rejection slip, you have immediately rewritten and resubmitted this "Staff Complaint" against this medical staff member. A review of your appeal was completed. Your appeal with the attachments and your requested action received careful consideration. M. Morgan, Senior Psychiatric Technician, was assigned to review the appeal. He interviewed you at the cell front of ASU A-1 203 on August 10, 2006. You stated that Psychiatric Technician Sherri Latham administered two (2) doses of medication and you reported that the second dose was his prescription for Neurontin. You stated this happened on the 3<sup>rd</sup> watch on June 8, 2006 and after taking the two doses of medication, you reported going to sleep and the next morning on June 9, 2006, you reported "feeling foggy" and had pressure in your head with "blurred vision". Dr. Hutchinson prescribed Benadryl and bed rest. You stated that the content of his 602-appeal is correct and you signed the CDCR form 1858 and completed the Advisement of Rights form. Psychiatric Technician Sherri Latham was interviewed by M. Morgan on August 10, 2006. Since adequate documentation was found in MPIMS, it was felt that no further information was needed from additional witnesses. A thorough review of the allegation presented in this completed was completed. Based on this review, the action requested to resolve this appeal was DENIED. Additionally the following determination has been made that your allegations of staff misconduct are as follows: NOT SUSTAINED. Ms. Latham recorded your complaint and notified the unit physician. When you made your symptoms known to staff on 6/9/06, you were treated and monitored as required. This is also documented in MPIMS notes from 6/9/06 by Psych Tech Latham and Dr. Hutchinson. Ms. Latham also noted the episode of the night before in MPIMS. Your follow-up care was provided in a timely manner per the notes dated 6/10/06 from M. Edwards, RN, and MPIMS notes dated 6/15/06 from Dr. Jain. A lab test drawn on 6/16/06 indicates you were positive for Haldol and Artane. The ASU 1 does not have any liquid Haldol on the medication cart. At the time of the episode, one inmate had an order for liquid Artane. Inmate Dawson was housed on the bottom tier and the way the medications are passed is two (2) trays stacked on top of each other. The bottom tier is passed first and the second tier is last. This means the liquid Artane was not on the medication cart when Inmate Dawson received his medication. At the time of the episode, inmates on ASU 1 were receiving Haldol and Artane in pill form. Inmate's on ASU I have traded and bartered medication in the past. The Neurontin is stored in the refrigerator and Artane is stored on top of the medication cart. Therefore it is hard to confuse the two medications as one is warm and the other is cold. However, there is no preponderance of evidence either way, in which you came to test positive for Haldol and Artane. In the event staff misconduct is sustained, the institution's Administration will take the appropriate course of action. All staff personnel matters are confidential in nature and not privy to the inquiries of other staff, the general public, or the inmate population and will not be released to the inmate. Although the inmate has the right to submit an appeal as a staff complaint, the request for administrative action regarding staff or the placement of documentation in a staff member's personnel file is beyond the scope of the appeals process. The conclusion of the Reviewer is that the appeal was DENIED, since the requested actions are Administrative in nature and beyond the scope of the appeal process. The reviewer made a conclusion as to the allegations of misconduct, that they were NOT SUSTAINED. The First Level Review constituted a Fact-Finding Inquiry as requested by the Chief Deputy Warden. Your appeal was then moved to the second level of review on 7/19/06.

<u>FINDINGS:</u> A review of your appeal has been completed. Your appeal with the attachments and your requested action has received careful consideration. I, M. McLean, FNP, Health Care Manager, was assigned to investigate your allegations. A. Thacker, CHSA II, reviewed your medical file and responses on August 21, 2006. The Fact-Finding Review conducted by the First Level Reviewer was complete and you received adequate and appropriate care and treatment for

the condition and symptoms described. The administrative actions requested were denied, but since an appeal inquiry did take place, that requested action is determined to be granted.

**DECISION:** The Appeal is Partially Granted.

The appellant is advised that this issue may be submitted for a Director's Level of Review if desired.

8/21/06

Acel K. Thacker

Date

Correctional Health Services Administrator II

M. McLean, FNP

Health Care Manager

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#### **DIRECTOR'S LEVEL APPEAL DECISION**

Date:

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In re:

Dawson, P-13296 Pelican Bay State Prison

P.O. Box 7000

Crescent City, CA 95531-7000

IAB Case No.: 0604391

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This matter was reviewed on behalf of the Director of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) by Appeals Examiner R. Pimentel, Facility Captain. All submitted documentation and supporting arguments of the parties have been considered.

- I APPELLANT'S ARGUMENT: It is the appellant's position that Registered Nurse (RN) S. Latham provided him the wrong medication which made him very ill and cause blurriness to his vision. The appellant contends that RN Latham then attempted to cover up the misconduct and failed to provide timely medical treatment for his symptoms. The appellant requests to exhaust his administrative remedies so that he can seek monetary compensation in the courts.
- II SECOND LEVEL'S DECISION: The reviewer found that the appellant has not been subjected to misconduct on the part of named staff. The reviewer affirms that appropriate supervisory staff have been assigned to conduct an inquiry into this matter. M. McLean, Health Care Manager, reviewed the submitted material and interviewed the involved parties. Based upon developed information, it was determined that the allegation of staff misconduct was NOT SUSTAINED. In order to determine the facts, the inquiry arising from this appeal included his interview; interview of department employees; and review of current policies, laws, and procedures. Additional research may have included interviews of other inmate's, review of the appellant's central file and medical file. The Second Level of Review (SLR) denied the appeal.

#### III DIRECTOR'S LEVEL DECISION: Appeal is denied.

A. FINDINGS: Upon review of the documentation submitted, it is determined that the appellant's allegations have been reviewed and evaluated by administrative staff and an inquiry has been completed at the SLR. In the event that staff misconduct was substantiated, the institution would take the appropriate course of action. The Director's Level of Review (DLR) notes that in this case the reviewer determined that the appellants allegations were NOT SUSTAINED. All staff personnel matters are confidential in nature and not privy to the inquiries of other staff, the general public or the inmate population, and would not be released to the appellant. In this case, the institution has reported the disposition to the appellant. Although the appellant has the right to submit an appeal as a staff complaint, the request for administrative action regarding staff or the placement of documentation in a staff member's personnel file is beyond the scope of the appeals process. Therefore no relief is provided at the DLR.

#### B. BASIS FOR THE DECISION:

California Penal Code Section: 832.7, 832.8

California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section: 3000, 3001, 3004, 3391

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C. ORDER: No changes or modifications are required by the institution.

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This decision exhausts the administrative remedy available to the appellant within CDCR.

N. GRANNIS, Chief Inmate Appeals Branch

cc: Warden, PBSP

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#### FIRST LEVEL APPEAL RESPONSE

**RE:** PELICAN BAY STATE PRISON

Appeal Log #: IA-18-2007-00363 Inmate Name: DAWSON, P13296

APPEAL ISSUE: Inmate requests investigation by outside investigators into the lack of care after an incident on June 10, 2006, when the inmate thought he was given an incorrect medication. Inmate Dawson is now adding to the appeal PBSP-A-06-01578 "the lack of care by RN Edwards, M. McLean and Dr. Jain."

FINDINGS: A review of your appeal has been completed. Your appeal with the attachments and your requested action has received careful consideration. S. Bliesner, Supervising Registered Nurse II, was assigned to review your allegations. As was explained in the first appeal of this issue, there was no medical indication for medical care other than the care that was given. On May 8, 2007, I spoke with Inmate Dawson. He was polite but states, "his people" have told him he needs to include everyone in this because later he can not add to his claim. He did not want to go over this all again. Inmate Dawson is still claiming that he has an eye problem; however, when I interviewed him the last time I told him to fill out a sick call complaint and he still has not done this. I gave him the instructions again that if he was having eye problems he needs to put in a sick call slips (7362).

**<u>DECISION</u>**: The Appeal is DENIED.

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### ADDENDUM TO FIRST LEVEL APPEAL RESPONSE

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**DECISION:** The Appeal is DENIED.

S. BLIESNER

Supervising Registered Nurse II

R. ROBINSON

Supervising Registered Nurse III

Director of Nursing

### 602 SUPPLEMENTAL

### SECTION "F"

### NOTE TO APPEALS COORDINATOR:

I WAS RECENTLY TRANS-PACKED AND WITHOUT MY PROPERTY FOR ABOUT TWO AND A HALF WEEKS. THIS 602 WAS IN MY PROPERTY AND I COULD NOT GAIN ACCESS TO IT. THAT IS WHY THERE WAS A SLIGHT DELAY IN FILLING OUT SECTION "F" AND RETURNING IT TO YOUR OFFICE. SECOND, FOR WHATEVER REASONS, THIS APPEAL GOT AMENDED AT THE FIRST LEVEL AND I NEED TO REFILL OUT SECTION "F" TO ADDRESS THE ADDENDUM SINCE I HA ALREADY FILLED IT OUT BEFORE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME ON THESE ISSUES.

### SECTION "F":

ISSUE #1: MRS. BLIESNER WOULD HAVE HER RESPONSE TO READ THAT I WAS NOT COOPERATIVE WITH HER BUT THAT IS NOT THE CASE. SHE STATED THAT WE HAD ALREADY GONE OVER EVERYTHING IN THE PAST AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING THAT NEEDED TO BE ADDED AND I SAID "NO". NOT THAT I WAS NOT WILLING TO GO OVER ANY ISSUES IF SHE NEEDED CLARITY.

ISSUE #2: MRS. BLIESNER HAS BEEN MISINFORMED ABOUT MY EFFORTS TO GET MY EYES FIXED. I HAVE PUT IN SLIPS AND THEY HAVE ALREADY CAME AND GOTTEN THE OLD GLASSES THAT DID NOT WORK AND TOLD ME THAT I WOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR ANOTHER CHECK-UP. THAT WAS NOT EVEN AN ISSUE YET SHE WOULD IMPLY THAT I WAS NOT SEEKING MEDICAL ATTENTION WHEN, IN FACT, I HAVE ALREADY BEGUN THE PROCESS.

ISSUE #3: RN EDWARDS OFFERS ABSOLUTELY NO MEDICAL BACKING FOR HER COMMENT ABOUT "NO CLINICAL INDICATION". MY EYES AND VITALS WERE UP AND DOWN, AND SHE WAS NOTIFIED THAT I HAD BEEN GIVEN THE WRONG MEDICATION BY MYSELF AND IN FRONT OF THE ESCORTING OFFICERS. THE MEDICATION MANAGEMENT MANUAL'S GUIDELINES WERE NOT FOLLWED.

DISSATISFIED WITH THE 1ST LEVEL RESPONSE. PLEASE DO 2ND LEVEL REVIEW.

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PERMANENT APPEAL ATTACHMENT-PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE

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#### SECOND LEVEL APPEAL RESPONSE

PELICAN BAY STATE PRISON RE:

Appeal Log: IA-18-2007-00363 Inmate: DAWSON P13296

Maureen McLean, FNP, Health Care Manager at Pelican Bay State Prison, (PBSP) reviewed this matter. Joseph Kravitz, Correctional Counselor II, conducted the Appeal at the Second Level of Review on July 6, 2007.

APPEAL ISSUE: You filed this appeal on January 8, 2007 claiming deliberate indifference by the Pelican Bay State Prison Medical Department. See attached CDC 602 and corresponding documents. As a resolution of this appeal you are seeking damages to be determined which 'is within the scope of this agency'.

FINDINGS: A review of your appeal, including staff's efforts to resolve the appeal at the informal level and at the first formal level, together with your responses, has been completed. All submitted documentation and supporting arguments of the appellant have been considered.

I, M. McLean, FNP, Health Care Manager, was assigned to investigate your allegations. J. Kravitz, CC II, reviewed your appeal and responses on July 6, 2007. S. Bleisner SRN II has interviewed you on two separate occasions for issues contained within this appeal. On May 8, 2007 you told S. Bleisner SRN II you were still having problems with your eye. At the interview she instructed you to submit a CDC 7362 request for sick call services. On May 28, 2007 the date she submitted the appeal for review she indicated you had not requested medical services for your eye complaints. On May 23, 2007 S. Bliesner interviewed M. Edwards RN and she stated that at the time she examined you there were no clinical indications for a blood test for a suspected 'drug overdose'. See attached responses. Both interviews and conclusions were reviewed and approved by R. Robinson, Director of Nursing. The issues noted in section (f) of your appeal have been addressed in various other appeals you have filed. The responses provided in the first level review clearly states that based on the clinical judgment of the nurse in the urgent treatment area the treatment provided was appropriate. Pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section (CCR) 3354, it is inappropriate for the appellant to demand his own health care intervention. This is the responsibility of your primary care provider, who will determine those interventions that are medically necessary. Based on the aforementioned the second level of review concurs with the finding provided in the first level of review. This concludes the review of your appeal at the second level.

**DECISION:** The Appeal is denied.

The appellant is advised that this issue may be submitted for a Director's Level of Review if desired.

Correctional Counselor II

Health Care Manager

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

### DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION INMATE APPEALS BRANCH P. O. BOX 942883 SACRAMENTO, CA 94283-0001

#### DIRECTOR'S LEVEL APPEAL DECISION

Date: OCT 2 3 2007

In re: Marc Dawson, P13296
Pelican Bay State Prison
P.O. Box 7000
Crescent City, CA 95531-7000

IAB Case No.: 0702966 Local Log No.: PBSP-07-00363

This matter was reviewed on behalf of the Director of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) by Appeals Examiner V. O'Shaughnessy. All submitted documentation and supporting arguments of the parties have been considered.

- I APPELLANT'S ARGUMENT: It is the appellant's position that he did not receive appropriate care after an incident on June 10, 2006. The appellant claims he was given an incorrect medication. The appellant is claiming deliberate indifference by the Pelican Bay State Prison medical department. The appellant is requesting damages to be determined which is within the scope of this agency. He requests to exhaust his remedies as required by the Prison Litigation Reform Act.
- II SECOND LEVEL'S DECISION: The reviewer found that M. McLean, Family Nurse Practitioner, Health Care Manager, was assigned to investigate the appellant's allegations. J. Kravitz, Correctional Counselor II, reviewed the appeal and responses on July 6, 2007. S. Bleisner, Supervising Registered Nurse II has interviewed the appellant on two separate occasions regarding the issues contained within this appeal. On May 8, 2007, the appellant told S. Bleisner, SRNII he was still having problems with his eye. At the interview, she instructed him to submit a CDC 7362 request for sick call services. On May 28, 2007, the date SRNII Bleisner submitted the appeal for review, she indicated the appellant had not requested medical services for his eye complaints. On May 23, 2007, SRNII Bliesner interviewed Registered Nurse Edwards who stated that at the time she examined the appellant there were no clinical indications for a blood test for a suspected "drug overdose". Both interviews and conclusions were reviewed and approved by Director of Nursing, Robinson. The issues noted in section (f) of the appellant's appeal have been addressed in various other appeals the appellant has filed. The responses provided in the first level review clearly states that based on the clinical judgment of the nurse in the urgent treatment area the treatment provided was appropriate. It is inappropriate for the appellant to demand his own health care intervention. This is the responsibility of the appellant's primary care provider, who will determine those interventions that are medically necessary. The appeal complaint was denied at the Second Level of Review (SLR).

#### III DIRECTOR'S LEVEL DECISION: Appeal is denied.

A. FINDINGS: The Director's Level of Review reviewed the appellant's appeal complaint, the SLR response and contacted institution medical staff for further information. On October 18, 2007, J. Kravitz, Correctional Counselor II, provided a copy of a First Level Response (FLR) to a different Log # PBSP-A-06-02533 which addresses the appellant's allegation regarding lack of care and treatment after a June 2006 incident. The FLR was responding to the appellant's allegation that he was given the wrong medication and did not receive appropriate care afterwards. After drinking a medication that tasted different during medication administration, the appellant requested to be taken to the urgent treatment area (UTA) on June 10, 2006 with complaints of grogginess, blurred vision and not feeling right. At the UTA the appellant's vital signs were stable. He did have a finding of right pupil 4 mm and his left 3. This minimal difference is not diagnostic by itself. He was sent back to his cell and ordered bed rest and to drink a lot of fluids. There is no documentation of the appellant notifying staff of a recurring problem. The appellant was seen on June 15, 2006 and at that time complained that his eyes were still twitching. The Primary Care Physician (PCP) ordered a urine and blood toxicity screen and to be seen on follow-up. On June 22, 2006, the findings were right eye slightly larger than the left. The toxic screen indicated Haldol and Artane. Since the

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sample was taken one week later this provided little diagnostic value. One dose of medication either Haldol or Artane would not still be in the inmate's system. The appellant stated that he spit out the medication when he thought it was the incorrect one being administered. This could mean that:

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The appellant's issues have been appropriately reviewed, investigated by the Pelican Bay State Prison (PBSP) medical staff and responded to in the current appeal SLR and during previous responses to this same issue under appeal log number PBSP-A06-02533. The appellant is reminded at the DLR that only facility-employed health care staff, contractors paid to perform health services for the facility, or persons employed as health care consultants shall be permitted within the scope of their licensure, to diagnose illness or, prescribe medication and heath care treatment for inmates. No other personnel or inmates may do so.

No modification to the SLR is warranted.

#### B. BASIS FOR THE DECISION:

California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section: 3350, 3354

C. ORDER: No changes or modifications are required by the Institution.

This decision exhausts the administrative remedy available to the appellant within CDCR. If dissatisfied, the appellant may forward this issue to the California Victims Compensation and Government Claims Board, (formerly known as the State Board of Control), Government Claims Unit, P.O. Box 3035, Sacramento, CA 95812-3035, for further review.

N. GRANNIS, Chief Inmate Appeals Branch

cc: Warden, PBSP

Health Care Manager, PBSP Appeals Coordinator, PBSP Medical Appeals Analyst, PBSP

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ATTACHMENT B

### FIRST LEVEL APPEAL RESPONSE

DATE: December 7, 2006

APPEAL LOG NUMBER: PBSP-A-06-02533

INMATE: DAWSON CDC NUMBER: P13296

APPEAL DECISION:

APPEAL ISSUE:

FINDINGS: Inmate Dawson (Dawson) was interviewed in Administrative Segregation. Dawson states that his concerns over the investigation of his appeal were: 1) The appeal was partially granted because the Administrative action of the requested investigation did occur; however, Dawson wants an outside investigation from staff not working at Pelican Bay State Prison; 2) that vital signs were not taken at the time Dawson reported his condition to medical staff, and 3) the decision that he misused someone else's drugs was "defamatory."

Dawson states that on the evening of June 8, 2006, during the evening medication pass, PT Latham gave the medication cup to Dawson, he took the medication cup, and poured the liquid medication in his mouth and immediately spit it out. Inmate Dawson said the medication tasted different. PT Latham told the inmate it was the correct medication; however, it was the last of the bottle and it may have tasted different. Inmate Dawson then stated that PT Latham came back with another medication cup with a liquid medication and stated it was liquid Neurontin. Inmate Dawson took the medication. Inmate Dawson said that his cellmate told him that he (Dawson) had fallen asleep within 30 minutes and mumbled incoherently during the night. Inmate Dawson then stated that in the morning he was still feeling "foggy" and had blurred vision especially in the left eye.

Inmate Dawson was taken to his regular group at approximately 9:00. While sitting in the holding cage he began having "muscle spasm and not feeling well." Officers escorted inmate Dawson to the standing holding cell. PT Latham talked with inmate Dawson and told him he was given the right medication. Dawson said that Latham told him that it was all in his head and that she had also told his cellmate that it was all in his head. He was seen at the Ad-Seg PCP line so he was taken in and saw Dr. Hutchison. Dr. Hutchison prescribed Benadryl and bed rest. Inmate Dawson said he continued to feel not right and slept a lot. During the Saturday June 10, 2006 medication pass inmate Dawson told LVN Kirkpatrick about the continuing problems. Kirkpatrick asked inmate Dawson if he would allow a blood draw. Inmate Dawson's response was 'definitely.' Inmate Dawson was taken to the urgent treatment area (UTA). At the UTA, Dawson's vital signs were stable. Dawson did have a finding of right pupil 4mm and his left 3. This minimal difference is not diagnostic by itself. At the time, he was ordered sent back to his

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cell. He was ordered best rest and to drink a lot of fluids. There is no documentation of Dawson notifying staff of a recurring problem.

Dawson was seen on June 15, 2006, and at that time complained that his eyes were still twitching. The PCP ordered a urine and blood toxicity screen and to be seen on follow-up. Inmate Dawson was seen on June 22, 2006, and the findings were right eye slightly larger than left. "It seems that discrepancy on last exam was not intentional and inmate does have a problem with the right eye in the past and gets twitching because of that." The toxicology screen was not complete. Dawson was scheduled to return on June 29, 2006, which was rescheduled. When Dawson came into the clinic, he was complaining of tongue pain not related to the incident of June 8, 2006, and has not brought up the eye issues since.

The toxic screen results were as follows:

HALOPERIDOL (HALDOL) <0.5 ng/mL TRIHEXYPHENIDYL (ARTANE) <2.0L 5.0-40.0 ng/mL

Since the sample was taken one week later this provides little diagnostic value. One dose of medication either Haldol or Artane would not still be in the inmate's system. The results were not rechecked. Inmate Dawson said he spit out the medication. Dawson stated to this reviewer that he thought it might have been a reaction between the medication he was given in error and the Neurontin. Dawson stated his proof was the difference in his eyes and his profound sleep. The minimal difference in the width of his pupils is not diagnostic as many people have "normal" differences in pupil width. There was a small amount of Haldol and Artane in the lab findings. This could mean that, 1) the lab work was in error; 2) the inmate tool someone else's medications, or 3) that the dose of medication that was taken and spit out one week later raised the blood level that was founding the sample taken on June 15, 2006.

#### **DETERMINATION OF ISSUE:**

A thorough review of the allegation presented in this complaint has been completed. Based on this review the action requested to resolve this appeal is EXONERATED. There is nothing that an outside review is going to find that would provide an answer to the problem. There is no way to determine the reason for the lab results. The psychiatric Technician should have taken vitals at the time of the incident; however, she felt getting him to be seen by the Psychiatrist available was the best thing to help resolve the issue. This reviewer instructed the PT that a set of vitals should have been taken so there was a baseline. None of the vitals in the UTA or during his follow-up were abnormal. This lack of vital signs had no impact on the care of the inmate; however, taking them might have made the inmate feel like the PT was concerned about his care. The statement that the inmate may have taken the medication issued to someone else is not defamatory, rather it is a fact of life in prison that inmates taken medication other than their prescribed medication. The fact is that toxicology specimens taken one week later leave too many variables to make an educated decision on how and when the inmate obtained Artane and Haldol in his system.

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S. BLIESNER

Supervising Registered Nurse II

R. ROBINSON

Supervising Registered Nurse III

Director of Nursing

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED

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### SECOND LEVEL APPEAL RESPONSE

ATTACHMENT B

RE: PELICAN BAY STATE PRISON

Appeal Log\_A-06-01578

Inmate: Dawson, #P-13296

This matter was reviewed by MAUREEN MCLEAN, FNP, Health Care Manager at Pelican Bay State Prison (PBSP). A. Thacker, CHSA II, conducted the Appeal at the Second Level of Review on August 21, 2006.

APPEAL ISSUE: You state that this is the second filing of this 602 alleging staff negligence on the part of the Psych Tech/RN S. Latham. You claim that the first 602 was rejected because of length. You allege that S. Latham was negligent in her required duties that may have caused permanent damage and your complaint is as follows: On June 8, 2006, S. Latham was working a double shift and was passing out the PM meds in A-1, when she gave you a cup of liquid medication measuring 20 cc's. You state that you drank it down and immediately informed her that the liquid medication she just gave you was "not" your normal medication. You state that you have been taking liquid Neurontin for a very long time and know its' taste, but LPT Latham insisted that it was Neurontin and you insisted that it was not, so LPT Latham left and came back in approximately 15 minutes with another cup holding 20 cc's of liquid medication. You state that she told you that she checked the bottle and that the consistency was different from the bottle she used first compared to that of the second bottle. You state that you asked what the first bottle was and she said she didn't know and she instructed you to take the second cup of medication, which you complied and you don't recall what happened later that evening, but you claim that your cellmate (M. Stone, #T-47168) told you that you fell asleep within 30 minutes after taking the meds and this is not normal for you to fall asleep so early. You state that your cellmate also stated that you were mumbling incoherently and you state that you are not able to recall early Friday morning, but at 9:00 a.m., you were taken to group therapy and placed in a "sit down" holding cell and was feeling "foggy" in thought, blurred vision (especially in the left eye), tense muscles, a warm flushed feeling under your eyes, and had the sensation of your head being pushed down. You state that within a short period of time in the holding cell, you began to have severe muscle spasms and not feeling well, so you notified the RN, "Vic", who, in turn, notified S. Latham and you were escorted to the medical office in the A-1 rotunda and S. Latham had C/O Dixon place you in the stand-up holding cell. At this time, you state that S. Latham asked you what your problem was and you told her that you were not feeling right since the medication mix-up on the night before and you also explained how you were feeling and after hearing your explanation, S. Latham told you that "it was all in your head", so you asked her to take your vitals to prove that you were having problems and she said it wasn't necessary. You state that Dr. Hutchinson came in and you explained everything to him and Dr. Hutchinson asked S. Latham what was in the first bottle and she said that she didn't know, so he asked where the bottle was and she told him that she had poured it out the night before and had discarded the bottle. You claim that Dr. Hutchinson then prescribed Benadryl and told you to try to sleep it off and it should be noted that your cellmate also saw S. Latham and told her that you were all messed up and that he knew this because they have lived together almost a year, but she told him that it was "all in his head" as well, something of which she had no reason to tell another inmate that was reporting a medical incident. You claim you slept a lot from Friday through Saturday and your cellmate told you that you were in the fetal position and making sounds while asleep. You state that by Saturday AM medication pass, you couldn't stand it anymore and tried to ask Psych Tech Ian Kirkpatrick what was wrong with you, and Psych Tech Kirkpatrick was concerned with your speech and immediately pulled you out and took your vitals. You informed Psych Tech Kirkpatrick about the problem on Thursday night and Psych Tech Kirkpatrick was the first person to check your vitals and he noted muscle tenseness and spasms and found your pupils were different sizes and each reacted differently to light. You claim that Psych Tech Kirkpatrick even showed the 2 escorting officers (Hutchinson and Rutlege) and he asked if you would let them draw blood at the CTC to find out what was in you and you told him "definitely", so he sent you to the CTC and RN Edwards noted the problem with your eyes and muscles spasms and she stated in front of the 2 escorting officers that there was nothing documented concerning the possibility of a medication mix-up, so you had to literally interrupt her while she was on the phone to get it across to her that you were given the wrong medication, to which she stated in front of the escorting officers and the CTC Rover that the unknown liquid should have been identified and no other medication would have been given because they may not have been chemically compatible, so she told you to take some more Benadryl and drink a lot of water and get more sleep, so you asked about the blood test and she stated it was too late for one and she told you that you were on the doctor's line for Monday. You state that since that time, all of the symptoms have stopped with the exception of the blurred vision in your left eye and you have seen the Optometrist who has ordered glasses to be made to try and get rid of the blurriness. You claim that you had absolutely no blurring in this eye before this incident happened and since the incident, you have spoken to the medical staff and have found out that S. Latham did not follow medical procedures that someone with her training should have and you feel that she acted negligently and unprofessionally for the following reasons: 1) she issued you 20 cc's or

almost % of a fluid ounce of unidentified medication that she admitted to not knowing what it was and instructed you to take an additional 20 cc's of liquid Neurontin without regard to chemical compatibility; 2) she did not document this in a manner that would notify the next shift or anyone thereafter that there may be a problem; 3) she did not begin "observation" that is normally done on inmates who have taken unknown substances; 4) she never took your vitals or checked you out even when requesting it on the Friday visit; 5) she verbally informed you and another inmate that the problems you were having were "all in his head"; and 6) she poured out the liquid and disposed of the bottle (allegedly) without having the unknown liquid identified. You personally believe that based on your symptoms and her actions, S. Latham gave you the wrong medication in a large amount and then she found out and tried to cover it up by not taking your vitals and not placing you on any type of observation, and the fact that she told the doctor that she had poured out the liquid and disposed of the bottle without identifying the liquid show a problem in itself, so you are alleging misconduct on the staff member and negligence that may have permanently damaged your left eye, because you have to completely cover your left eye to write this small writing and she has caused that. You are requesting administrative actions be taken against this RN and you are requesting a formal investigation that will examine her actions. You want them to exhaust your state remedies so that you may seek damages on a medical negligence tort claim. You note that no Right and Responsibility statement was available to you, but you understand the statement as described in 3391 (d) and agree to it in all ways. You further notes that the original appeal was filed on 6/13/06, well within the time limits set forth in Title 15 and on 6/16/06, the Appeals Coordinator rejected the original appeal because he did not have the authority to allow you more than one additional paper, so you have cut down on the verbage and written very small in order to bring this down to one additional page. You state that on 6/27/06, one day after receiving the rejection slip, you have immediately rewritten and resubmitted this "Staff Complaint" against this medical staff member. A review of your appeal was completed. Your appeal with the attachments and your requested action received careful consideration. M. Morgan, Senior Psychiatric Technician, was assigned to review the appeal. He interviewed you at the cell front of ASU A-1 203 on August 10, 2006. You stated that Psychiatric Technician Sherri Latham administered two (2) doses of medication and you reported that the second dose was his prescription for Neurontin. You stated this happened on the 3rd watch on June 8, 2006 and after taking the two doses of medication, you reported going to sleep and the next morning on June 9, 2006, you reported "feeling foggy" and had pressure in your head with "blurred vision". Dr. Hutchinson prescribed Benadryl and bed rest. You stated that the content of his 602-appeal is correct and you signed the CDCR form 1858 and completed the Advisement of Rights form. Psychiatric Technician Sherri Latham was interviewed by M. Morgan on August 10, 2006. Since adequate documentation was found in MPIMS, it was felt that no further information was needed from additional witnesses. A thorough review of the allegation presented in this completed was completed. Based on this review, the action requested to resolve this appeal was DENIED. Additionally the following determination has been made that your allegations of staff misconduct are as follows: NOT SUSTAINED. Ms. Latham recorded your complaint and notified the unit physician. When you made your symptoms known to staff on 6/9/06, you were treated and monitored as required. This is also documented in MPIMS notes from 6/9/06 by Psych Tech Latham and Dr. Hutchinson. Ms. Latham also noted the episode of the night before in MPIMS. Your follow-up care was provided in a timely manner per the notes dated 6/10/06 from M. Edwards, RN, and MPIMS notes dated 6/15/06 from Dr. Jain. A lab test drawn on 6/16/06 indicates you were positive for Haldol and Artane. The ASU 1 does not have any liquid Haldol on the medication cart. At the time of the episode, one inmate had an order for liquid Artane. Inmate Dawson was housed on the bottom tier and the way the medications are passed is two (2) trays stacked on top of each other. The bottom tier is passed first and the second tier is last. This means the liquid Artane was not on the medication cart when Inmate Dawson received his medication. At the time of the episode, inmates on ASU 1 were receiving Haldol and Artane in pill form. Inmate's on ASU 1 have traded and bartered medication in the past. The Neurontin is stored in the refrigerator and Artane is stored on top of the medication cart. Therefore it is hard to confuse the two medications as one is warm and the other is cold. However, there is no preponderance of evidence either way, in which you came to test positive for Haldol and Artane. In the event staff misconduct is sustained, the institution's Administration will take the appropriate course of action. All staff personnel matters are confidential in nature and not privy to the inquiries of other staff, the general public, or the inmate population and will not be released to the inmate. Although the inmate has the right to submit an appeal as a staff complaint, the request for administrative action regarding staff or the placement of documentation in a staff member's personnel file is beyond the scope of the appeals process. The conclusion of the Reviewer is that the appeal was DENIED, since the requested actions are Administrative in nature and beyond the scope of the appeal process. The reviewer made a conclusion as to the allegations of misconduct, that they were NOT SUSTAINED. The First Level Review constituted a Fact-Finding Inquiry as requested by the Chief Deputy Warden. Your appeal was then moved to the second level of review on 7/19/06.

<u>FINDINGS</u>: A review of your appeal has been completed. Your appeal with the attachments and your requested action has received careful consideration. I, M. McLean, FNP, Health Care Manager, was assigned to investigate your allegations. A. Thacker, CHSA II, reviewed your medical file and responses on August 21, 2006. The Fact-Finding Review conducted by the First Level Reviewer was complete and you received adequate and appropriate care and treatment for

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the condition and symptoms described. The administrative actions requested were denied, but since an appeal inquiry did take place, that requested action is determined to be granted.

**DECISION:** The Appeal is Partially Granted.

The appellant is advised that this issue may be submitted for a Director's Level of Review if desired.

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Acel K. Thacker Date

Correctional Health Services Administrator II

M. McLean, FNP

Health Care Manager

### SECOND LEVEL APPEAL RESPONSE

**RE:** PELICAN BAY STATE PRISON

Appeal Log: PBSP-A06-02533 Inmate: DAWSON P13296

Maureen McLean, FNP, Health Care Manager at Pelican Bay State Prison, (PBSP) reviewed this matter. Joseph Kravitz, Correctional Counselor II, conducted the Appeal at the Second Level of Review on July 12, 2007.

APPEAL ISSUE: The original date of this appeal is October 8, 2006. This appeal was handled as a staff complaint and all allegations contained within the appeal were investigated. When this appeal was returned to you after the first level review the signatures were erroneously placed in the area for second review signatures. The dates of the signatures are November 11, 2006. Per the memo dated June 21, 2007 from the Inmate Appeals Branch the use of exonerated was not appropriate for the appeal. The wording that should have been used is denied.

<u>FINDINGS</u>: A review of your appeal, including staff's efforts to resolve the appeal at the informal level and at the first formal level, together with your responses, has been completed. All submitted documentation and supporting arguments of the appellant have been considered.

I, M. McLean, FNP, Health Care Manager, was assigned to investigate your allegations. J. Kravitz, CC II, reviewed your appeal and responses on July 12, 2007. You asked for a second level review on February 25, 2007. The appeal review completed by the first level reviewer was complete and your received adequate and appropriate care and treatment for the condition and symptoms described. The issues alleged in this appeal have been reviewed numerous times. Your request for an outside investigation is not warranted and is denied in this second level review. This concludes the review of this appeal at the second level.

**DECISION:** The Appeal is denied.

The appellant is advised that this issue may be submitted for a Director's Level of Review if desired.

JOSEPH KRAVITZ

Correctional Counselor II

Date

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Health Care Manager

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### DIRECTOR'S LEVEL APPEAL DECISION

Date: DEC 2 0 2007

In re: Marc Dawson, P13296

High Desert State Prison P.O. Box 270220 Susanville, CA 96127

IAB Case No.: 0702644 Local Log No.: PBSP-06-02533

This matter was reviewed on behalf of the Director of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) by Appeals Examiner R. Pimentel, Facility Captain. All submitted documentation and supporting arguments of the parties have been considered.

- I APPELLANT'S ARGUMENT: It is the appellant's position that Psychiatric Technician (PT) Latham gave him the wrong medication which caused him to have a severe negative reaction. The appellant requests that an investigation be completed and that PT Latham be reprimanded.
- II SECOND LEVEL'S DECISION: The reviewer found that the appellant has not been subjected to misconduct on the part of named staff. The reviewer affirms that appropriate supervisory staff have been assigned to conduct an inquiry into this matter. Supervisory Registered Nurse II S. Bliesner reviewed the submitted material and interviewed the involved parties. Based upon developed information, it was determined that the allegation of staff misconduct was EXONERATED. In order to determine the facts, the inquiry arising from this appeal included his interview; interview of department employees; and review of current policies, laws, and procedures. Additional research may have included interviews of other inmate's or review of the appellant's central file. The First Level of Review (FLR) and Second Level of Review (SLR) denied the appeal.

### III DIRECTOR'S LEVEL DECISION: Appeal is denied.

A. FINDINGS: Upon review of the documentation submitted, it is determined that the appellant's allegations have been reviewed and evaluated by administrative staff and an inquiry has been completed at the FLR and the SLR. In the event that staff misconduct was substantiated, the institution would take the appropriate course of action. The Director's Level of Review (DLR) notes that in this case the reviewer determined that the appellant's allegations were EXONERATED. All staff personnel matters are confidential in nature and not privy to the inquiries of other staff, the general public or the inmate population, and would not be released to the appellant. In this case, the institution has reported the disposition to the appellant. Although the appellant has the right to submit an appeal as a staff complaint, the request for administrative action regarding staff or the placement of documentation in a staff member's personnel file is beyond the scope of the appeals process. Therefore no relief is provided at the DLR.

### B. BASIS FOR THE DECISION:

California Penal Code Section: 832.7, 832.8

California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section: 3000, 3001, 3004, 3391

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C. ORDER: No changes or modifications are required by the Institution.

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This decision exhausts the administrative remedy available to the appellant within CDCR.

N. GRANNIS, Chief Inmate Appeals Branch

cc: Warden, HDSP

Appeals Coordinator, HDSP Appeals Coordinator, PBSP

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A- alt in sensory perception R/T muscle, eye & neck problems.

P- MOD called & report given. New orders received. Instructed to rest & drink lots of water. To see PCP on Monday 6-12-06

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### Subjective

Entry Date: 06-15-2006 1244 Entered By: MPIMSBJ, JAIN, MD Updated Date: 06-15-2006 1247 Updated By: MPIMSBJ, JAIN, MD

inmate is here for FU of his CTC visit on 0n 6/10. as per inmate on 6/9n he started having twitching of eyes and extrimities . inmate states on 6/8 he received wrong medication in place of neurontin nad that is causing all symptoms . inmate was seen by psychiatrist and was given diphenhydramine. inmate states that his symptoms are improving and ext twitching is gone now he has twiching in Lt eye only. also c/o blurring in the same eye.denies headache, but feels tight lump in back of head.no nausea vomitting, dyaphagia.

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### Objective

#### Other

Name: progress note

Provider: JAIN, MD , BHAWNA Other Dt/Tm: 06-15-2006 1521

Notes: HEENT- no neck rigidity, pupil RT bigger than left reactive to light. EOM wnl b/l

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### PHYSICIAN'S PROGRESS NOTES

CDC #: P13296

Name(L.F.M.S): DAWSON, MARC

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**Medical Diagnosis** 

Code: 379.90 Description: EYE DISORDER NOS

Axis: GAF: Status: CURRENT Provider: JAIN, MD, BHAWNA
Diagnosis Dt/Tm: 06-15-2006 1524 Resolve Dt/Tm: 00-00-0000 0000 Priority:

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Code: V68.1 Description: ISSUE OF REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

Axis: GAF: Status: CURRENT Provider: MCLEAN, FNP, MAUREEN

Diagnosis Dt/Tm: 08-15-2005 0859 Resolve Dt/Tm: 00-00-0000 0000 Priority:

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Code: 999999 Description: ALT.IN COMFORT R/T R.FOOT BURNING

Axis: GAF: Status: CURRENT Provider: FELLOWS, RN, BARBARA

Diagnosis Dt/Tm: 08-15-2005 0849 Resolve Dt/Tm: 00-00-0000 0000 Priority:

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Code: 999999 Description: PERONEAL NERVE INJURY

Axis: GAF: Status: CURRENT Provider: MCLEAN, FNP, MAUREEN

Diagnosis Dt/Tm: 09-23-2005 1421 Resolve Dt/Tm: 00-00-0000 0000 Priority:

Notes:

Plan

Provider: JAIN, MD , BHAWNA Plan Dt/Tm: 06-15-2006 1525 Completed By:

Completed Dt/Tm: Patient Education: N Phone Order Status: NONE

Entry Date: 06-15-2006 1525 Entered By: MPIMSBJ, JAIN, MD

PHYSICIAN'S PROGRESS NOTES

inmate symptoms doesnot fit any common medical diagnosis . in the clinic he was noted to have RT eye twitching(intentional) but he says he has problem with LT. will order optometry evaluation . continue benadryl as prescribed.

will also order urine and serum tox.

Rtc in 1 WK

CDC #: P13296

Name(L.F.M.S): DAWSON, MARC

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EXHIBIT "H"

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Provider: JAIN, MD, BHAWNA

Plan Dt/Tm: 06-22-2006 1057

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Patient Education: N

Phone Order Status: NONE

Entry Date: 06-22-2006 1057

Entered By: MPIMSBJ, JAIN, MD

It seems that discrepancy in last exam and symptoms were not intentional and inmate does have problem with RT eye in the past and gets twitching because of that.

inmate is scheduled for optometry exam tomorrow, will FU after that.

will also FU on pending labs.

RTC in 1 wk.

### Order

Treatments				Anatomical		
Start Dt:	CPT	Treatment	Freq	Location	Provider	
06-22-2006 1100	99999	PCP FU	NA		JAIN, MD,	
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CDC #: P13296

Name(L.F.M.S): DAWSON, MARC

PHYSICIAN'S PROGRESS NOTES

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**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS** 

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PATIENT INFORMATION DAWSON, P13296

REPORT STATUS Final

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED

DOB: 01/14/1964 Age: 42

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SPECIMEN INFORMATION

EL1031567 SPECIMEN:

REQUISITION: 41077100080149

LAB REF NO: A1-203

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ORDERING PHYSICIAN

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CLIENT INFORMATION

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CLINICAL LABORATORY 5905 LAKE EARL DR

CRESCENT CITY CA 95531

Test Name	In Range	Out of Range	Reference Range	Lab
HALOPERIDOL (HALDOL)				NI
HALOPERIDOL		<0.5 L	ng/mL	
	Reference	Range:		
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TOXIC: 50 OR MORE

TRIHEXYPHENIDYL (ARTANE)			M
TRIHEXYPHENIDYL	<2.0 L	5.0 - 40.0 ng/mL	
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### Performing Laboratory Information:

Med Tox 402 W. Country Road St. Paul MM 55112 Laboratory Director: Jennifer A. Collins,

Nichols Institute 33608 Ortega Hwy. San Juan Cap CA 92675 Laboratory Director: R.A. Reitz, MD. NI

Quest Diagnostics 3714 Northgate Boulevard Sacramento CA 95834 Laboratory Director: Gerald E. Simon, M.D. SC

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- 8. If the inmate-patient who is under a Keyhea order refuses a single dose of medication, and a "back-up" medication is ordered, the nurse/LPT shall determine the safety of administering the back-up medication at the facility medication administration area. If it is determined to be safe, the medication shall be administered at the facility. If it is determined the safety of the inmate-patient or staff is at risk; the nursing/LPT staff shall obtain an order from the treating psychiatrist to transport the inmate-patient to the CTC for placement into 5-point restraints. The inmate-patient shall be released and returned to his housing after administration of the medication unless otherwise determined by the psychiatrist. After normal business hours, the CTC RN shall contact the POC for orders.
- 9. If the inmate-patient who is under a Keyhea order refuses a single dose of medication, and no "back up" medications are ordered, the outpatient facility clinic, during normal business hours, shall contact the facility psychiatrist for instructions. After normal business hours, the outpatient clinic staff shall contact the CTC RN who shall contact the Psychiatric On-Call for instructions.

#### I. Medication Errors

- 1. Upon recognition of a medication error the inmate-patient shall be monitored for signs and symptoms of an adverse drug reaction.
- 2. Appropriate documentation of the medication and dose given shall be recorded on the reverse side of the MAR.
- 3. The prescribing authorized person or, after hours, the Physician/Psychiatrist on call shall be notified for further directives. If physician's orders are received, they shall be documented on a Physician's Order form (CDC 7221).
- 4. The RN/MTA or LPT identifying the medication error shall complete a Medication Incident Report and shall submit it to the Director of Nursing (DON) for review and follow-up.
- 5. Upon receipt of the Medication Incident Report, the DON shall notify the supervisor of the nurse/psychiatric technician responsible for the error.
- 6. The DON shall sign the report and forward it to the pharmacy.
- 7. The pharmacy shall maintain the original Incident Report.
- 8. The employee and the supervisor shall discuss how the error could have been avoided. The Nursing Supervisor shall determine the appropriate action to be taken based on the severity of the error.
- 9. If the error is due to Pharmacy mislabeling, a medication or filling a prescription incorrectly, the medication shall be returned to the Pharmacy immediately.

### J. Medication Renewals

- 1. Inmate-patients with on-going conditions such as a chronic disease process or mental health conditions shall be scheduled for an appointment with the PCP/Psychiatrist prior to the expiration of essential medication.
- 2. Additionally, on a weekly basis, the pharmacist shall provide the clinic RN with a listing of individual essential medications that will be expiring within one week.
- 3. The RN shall review the list for renewal and if indicated, schedule those inmate-patients for an appointment prior to the expiration of the medication.

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